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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Sameh Tawfik
Toshiaki NAGASHIMA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3721
Application No.: 10/820,112)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 8398
Filed: April 8, 2004)	
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For: TONER CONTAINER)	April 4, 2007
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated December 4, 2006 for one (1) month from March 4, 2007 to April 4, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized charge Applicants Deposit Account No. 06-1205 for the extension fee of \$120.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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Preliminary Amendment

In response to the final Official Action dated December 4, 2006, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment.

This Preliminary Amendment has been formulated on the basis that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 5, 2007, has been considered and entered as requested in the RCE.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to further amend the above-identified application, as follows.